

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JAMES R. GRIZZLE and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Washington, DC

*Docket No. 99-2423; Submitted on the Record;
Issued November 29, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that factors of his federal employment worsened his preexisting bilateral carpal tunnel prior to his retirement on February 28, 1997.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the July 6, 1999 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated July 6, 1999 and November 16, 1998 are hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
November 29, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member